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SUBJECT: ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S MEETING WITH  
KENYAN AMBASSADOR

1. ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER RECEIVED ON AUGUST 28  
KENYAN AMBASSADOR MBOGUA, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM  
KENYA AND HAD REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT TO RELAY  
A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW KENYAN GOVERNMENT. ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY MOOSE ALSO ATTENDED.

2. MBOGUA SAID KENYA'S NEW GOVERNMENT WAS DEEPLY APPRECI-  
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TIVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE DEATH  
OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA. PRESIDENT MOI, KENYA'S NEW PRESI-  
DENT, WANTED US TO KNOW THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW  
POLICIES OF KENYATTA GOVERNMENT AND WOULD FOLLOW SUCCE-  
SSION PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION. SPECIFI-  
CALLY, MBOGUA WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASSURE US THAT PRIVATE  
FOREIGN INVESTMENTS WOULD BE PROTECTED AND KENYA CONTINUES

TO SEEK ADDITIONAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE WHERE APPROPRIATE.

3. MR. CHRISTOPHER RESPONDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD STICK TO THE CONSTITUTION. WE ALSO APPRECIATED ASSURANCES CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF PAST POLICIES. PRESIDENT KENYATTA WAS GREATLY RESPECTED IN THE US, BUT NOT ONLY PRESIDENT KENYATTA, BUT THE WHOLE KENYAN SOCIETY IS OF INTEREST TO AMERICANS. MBOGUA SAID THAT ALL IS QUIET AND HE EXPECTED MOI TO SUCCEED TO THE PRESIDENCY.

4. MR. CHRISTOPHER SAID THERE WERE TWO MATTERS HE MIGHT RAISE. FIRST, BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH CONCERN IN THE US FOR THE WELL BEING OF KENYA AND BECAUSE WE SHARE SO MANY IDEAS AND IDEALS, MBOGUA SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THOSE FEW KENYANS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED WITHOUT TRIAL. WE DO NOT WISH TO PRE-JUDGE THIS MATTER, BUT WE HOPE THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL DEAL WITH THOSE CASES. SECONDLY, MBOGUA WILL RECALL THE REPORT PREPARED BY GENERAL HILL WHICH OFFERED FMS CREDITS TOTALING DOLS 12 MILLION. WE DO NOT WISH TO AFFECT THE DECISION OF THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS OFFER, BUT WE WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO BE AWARE THAT THESE CREDITS MAY SOON LAPSE. OUR FISCAL YEAR ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, AND, PRACTICALLY, WE MUST HAVE A DECISION BY SEPTEMBER 15. BECAUSE OF OUR BUDGET CONFIDENTIAL

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SYSTEM THESE FUNDS CANNOT BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. MBOGUA THANKED MR. CHRISTOPHER FOR BRINGING THESE TWO MATTERS TO HIS ATTENTION AND PROMISED TO RELAY THEM TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHEN HE RETURNS. .

5. MBOGUA SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THE US COULD ASSIST DEVELOPMENT IN THE DRY, NORTHEAST PORTION OF KENYA. THIS PORTION OF KENYA FEELS IT IS OUT OF THE MAIN STREAM OF DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA AND IT IS LESS STABLE POLITICALLY. MR. CHRISTOPHER SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT WE WOULD TRY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD PARTICULARLY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO KENYAN NEEDS. CHRISTOPHER

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